

# JENNIFER PETERS

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## EXPERIENCED ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR

Meticulous, devoted and goal oriented **Educator** with a track record of establishing high expectations for students while continuously seeking out new ways to improve instruction and link learning with fun. Expert interpersonal skills utilized to build a strong bond with students, parents, and colleagues to inspire a shared commitment to quality education. Combine passion for teaching, learning and student success with intense attributes to encourage students to surpass personal and institutional objectives.

*Curriculum Development & Execution ▪ Strategic Planning ▪ Enrollment Management  
Event Planning ▪ Program Development ▪ Relationship Management*

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certification, Music K-12, TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
**National Collegiate Education Award Recipient**, June 1997 (Certificate split 2004)

Master of Music, Piano Performance (Minor: Violin), UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana, IL  
**Phi Kappa Phi**, academic honorary, **Tuition and Fee Waiver Recipient**, based on excellent academic achievement

Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance (Minor: Violin), UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA  
Graduated **cum laude with College Honors**, Attended University of Washington as a **National Merit Scholar**,  
Member of **Mortarboard**, Active senior honorary based on scholarship, leadership and service

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 69, SKOKIE, IL 1999 to 2011

### **Orchestra Director**

High-profile educator that met the challenge of furnishing instruction to students in 4th-8th grade on violin, viola, cello and bass. Concurrently accountable for conducting a 6th, 7th and 8th grade orchestra of up to 80 students on strings, winds, brass and percussion. Maintained continuous interactions with the band and choir teacher to verify students eligibility to participate in one, two or all three ensembles at the junior high level. Collaborated with the band director to recruit, retain and teach students across all 5 grade levels.

- Assembled a full orchestra of students to participate in the Niles Township Junior High Orchestra Symposium each year. One of the only schools to bring a full, rather than a string orchestra to this event.
- Mentored students that were able to win positions in the Illinois Music Educators Association junior high honors orchestra and participate in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras.
- Furnished guidance to 5-10 students annually that resulted in scholarships for free instruments.
- Encouraged students perform community outreach annually as part of Character Education program. Community outreach consisted of a field trip to an assisted living facility that included playing for shut-ins and delivering handmade cards.
- Garnered invitation for students to provide chamber music for a township wide fine arts reception honoring the best visual artists in the community.

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## PUBLICATIONS

- "The Piano: Helping Your Little Maestros Get the Most Out of Their Practice Time" *Chicago Parent*, September 1994  
"Improvisation and the Suzuki Method" *American Suzuki Journal*, Winter 1994  
"Metamorphosis of Lightly Row: Children Compose Original Variations" *Suzuki World*, September-October 1986